Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The dedication, innovation and entrepreneurial spirit of the small business men and women in the state of South Dakota helps the American economy grow stronger; and,

Whereas, In 1906, the Hofmeister Funeral Home was founded by Albert Hofmeister after attending a 2-week undertaker course at Deadwood, South Dakota, and receiving his funeral license; and,

Whereas, Albert settled in Chancellor, South Dakota, married Ida Mundhenke and together, owned and operated a furniture store and funeral parlor where Albert built the wooden caskets and Ida lined them; and,

Whereas, Two of Albert and Ida's children, Harold and Lauren, followed in the funeral profession, as well as their wives, Florence and Maxine, who also attained their funeral director's licenses, with Harold and Florence's business in Parker and Lauren and Maxine's businesses located in Presho, Murdo and Pierre; and,

Whereas, A third generation of Hofmeister's, Harold and Florence's son, Kenneth and wife, Mary Lou, attended mortuary school and worked in the funeral business from 1973-1998; and Lauren and Maxine's son, Larry, was licensed and worked in the business until moving into another health profession; and,

Whereas, In 1998, James and Lori Jones purchased the Hofmeister Funeral Home and currently operate three locations at Parker, Marion and Hurley, and will recognize the Hofmeister family for their caring service and dedication to numerous families in this great state with a 100th Anniversary celebration on August 13, 2006:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 13, 2006, as

HOFMEISTER FUNERAL HOME
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State